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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Commission Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Re: Section 63.71 Application of Stratos Offshore Services Company for Authority to Discontinue Certain Services

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Sincerely,

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on behalf of

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Stratos Offshore Services Company) Comp. Pol. File No. _____
For Authority to Discontinue)
Certain Services)

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Pursuant to Sections 63.71 of the Commission's Rules¹ and Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,² Stratos Offshore Services Company ("Stratos" or the "Company") hereby files this application to discontinue the provision of local telephone service to a small number of business customers that the Company serves in the States of Louisiana and Texas ("Application").³ In support of this Application, Stratos submits the following:

I. Information Required by Section 63.71(a)(1) -(4)

A. Name and Address of Carrier

Stratos Offshore Services Company
1710W Willow
Scott, LA 70583

For purposes of this Application, the Commission may contact:
Kenneth Cartmell
John Staurulakis, Inc.
7852 Walker Drive, Suite 200
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B. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

² See 47 U.S.C. § 214(a).

³ As required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, Stratos has notified and submitted a copy of this Application concurrent with this filing, to the Louisiana Public Service Commission and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Stratos plans to discontinue service to its customers in the States of Louisiana and Texas on or about July 1, 2009, or upon completion of obtaining all necessary federal and state regulatory approvals.

C. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected

Stratos currently serves a total of one hundred and sixty five (165) business customers in the affected States. Specifically, as of the date of this filing, Stratos serves zero (0) residential customers and one hundred and sixty three (163) business customers in Louisiana and zero (0) residential customers and two (2) business customers in Texas. Please reference Exhibit A which reflects the number of customers, states, counties, and cities affected by the discontinuance of stand-alone products as outlined in the company's tariff.

D. Brief Description of the Types of Services Affected

In the areas referenced above, Stratos proposes to discontinue providing stand-alone products offered in Stratos' tariff to certain business customers. Upon receipt of the proper authorizations, Stratos will only offer such services to business customers who also subscribe to the Stratos' bundled VSAT Services or Microwave Services. Stand-alone services will be discontinued to all other customers, with the exception of a few Municipal Government entities that have been indentified as "Qualifying Entities" as defined in the state tariff revisions that are being made in conjunction with this Section 63.71 Application Filing.

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or animal*

II. Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers

On April 22, 2009, Stratos sent written Notices to all affected customers in the States of Louisiana and Texas. A sample copy of the Notices sent to these customers is attached as Exhibit B.

III. Status of Carrier

Stratos is non-dominant with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue in the States of Louisiana and Texas.

IV. Circumstances of Discontinuance

The Company's decision to discontinue stand-alone products offered in Stratos' tariff to certain business customers in Louisiana and Texas was a difficult decision. Primarily, Stratos has decided to concentrate its efforts on its core market. Additionally, this decision was based on the fact that Stratos only provides these services to a small number of customers in these States. Understandably, the costs of doing business associated with these stand-alone products in these locations outweighs any revenues collected or other benefits associated with providing stand-alone service to business customers in these States. In order to provision terrestrial services in Louisiana and Texas, Stratos does not own and operate all of the facilities used to provision such

services. Therefore, Stratos must rely on the underlying incumbent local exchange carrier's network to provision these services. Regulations affecting the price of the incumbent local exchange carrier's network facilities have increased Stratos' costs such that it is no longer profitable for Stratos to provision stand-alone terrestrial products to business customers.

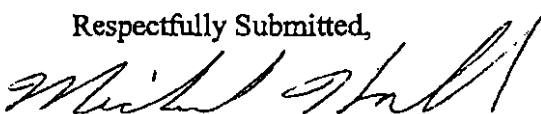
V. Certification

On behalf of Stratos Offshore Services Company, I, the undersigned, Michael Hall, Director, Network Operations-North America, Stratos Offshore Services Company, hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and made in good faith.

VI. Conclusion

For the reasons stated herein, the Company respectfully requests grant of this Application.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Hall", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael Hall
Director, Network Operations-North America
Stratos Offshore Services Company

Stratos Offshore Services Company
1710 W. Willow
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April 22, 2009

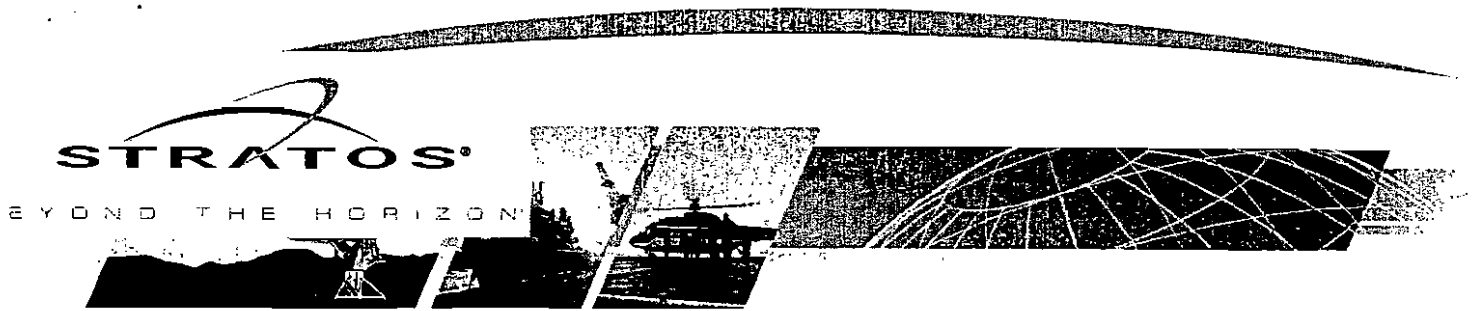


Exhibit A

Stratos Offshore Services Company

States/Counties/Cities affected by the Discontinuance of

Certain Stand Alone Business Telecommunications Services

Exhibit A

LOUISIANA CUSTOMERS (163)		TEXAS CUSTOMERS (2)
ACADIA	ORLEANS	HOUSTON
Eunice	New Orleans	Houston
Rayne		
Calcasieu	PLAQUEMINES	IRVING
Lake Charles	Belle Chasse	Plano
	RAPIDES	
EAST BATON ROUGE	Alexandria	
Baton Rouge	Pineville	
East Feliciana	ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Clinton	Metairie	
EVANGELINE	ST LANDRY	
Ville Platte	Opelousas	
IBERIA	ST MARTIN	
Jeanerette	Arnaudville	
New Iberia		
JEFFERSON	ST MARY	
Marrero	Charenton	
	Morgan City	
LAFAYETTE	VERMILION	
Broussard	Abbeville	
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Scott		
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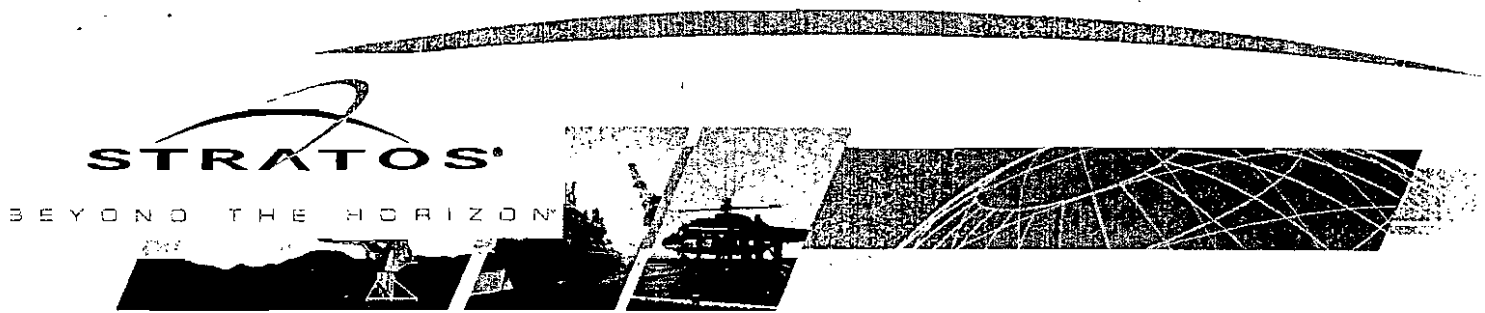
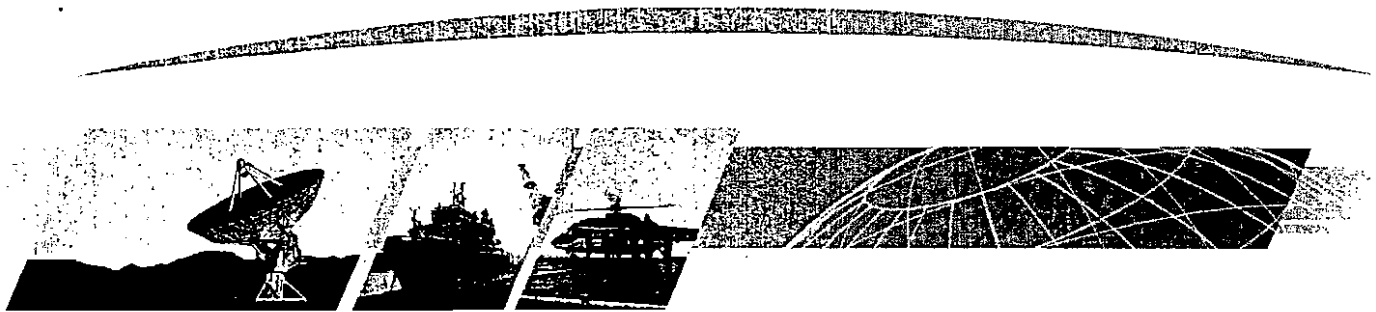


Exhibit B



IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING YOUR STRATOS PROVIDED SERVICES

April 22, 2009

Dear Customer,

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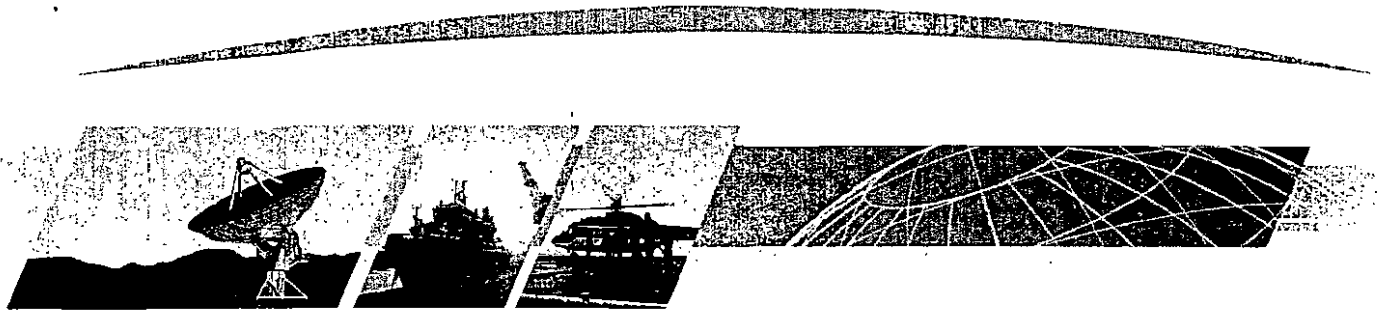
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Ms. Kimberly Jackson
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Ms. Jackson:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenneth T. Cartmell', is written over the typed name.

Kenneth T. Cartmell
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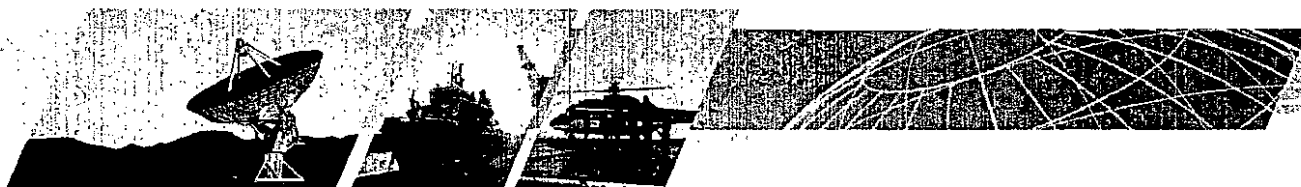
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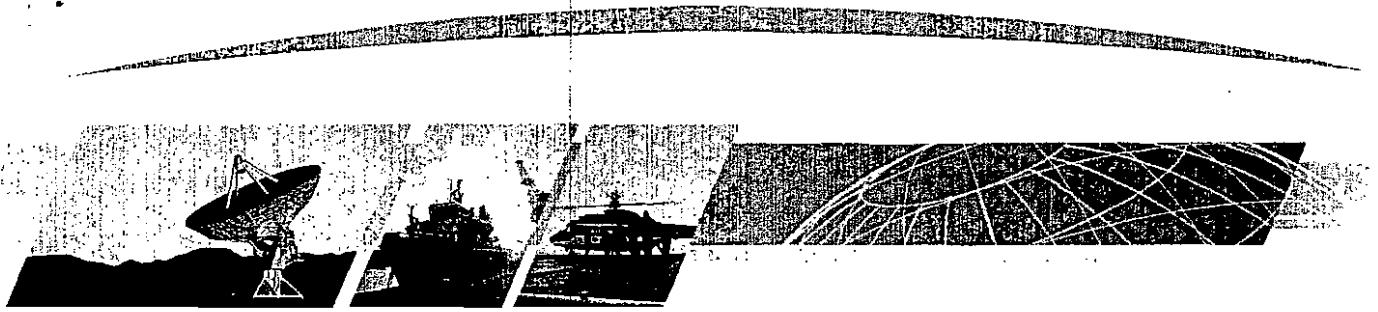
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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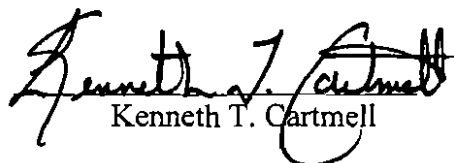
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